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THE advantages which have accrued to the Arts and Sciences by a concentration of the talents and exertions of individuals in public Institutions, are universally known. The National Institute of France, and the Royal Institution of London, present models of such establishments, which every enlightened community must feel anxious to imitate. The former, embracing an immense range of learning, has enhanced the solid and lasting glory of the nation; and the latter, though founded originally in voluntary association, is become the most illustrious school of Chemistry, and of all the other branches of physical knowledge, in the world. Animated by the example of these establishments, a number of friends of Learning in this state, have been induced to associate for the purpose of organizing, in the city of New York, an Institution for promoting instruction and investigation in medical science, and in all the branches of knowledge having an immediate connexion therewith.

The history of learning in every age sufficiently demonstrates, that the advancement of the Arts and Sciences has been promoted more by the zeal and labour of Individuals, than by the patronage of Monarchs, or the ordinances of Legislative Authority. The benefits which have resulted to medical science by the unassisted, and almost insulated efforts of individuals, are known to every physician conversant with the history of his profession. In Science, however, there is a communion of interests, which, when it combines the genius, efforts and talents of persons unmarked in its service, frequently leads to the most brilliant discoveries and improvements.

In arranging the principles by which this Medical Institution shall be governed, reference will be had to those distinguished European Institutions which have been named, and their regulations adopted, so far as the actual difference of circumstances will permit. Those who will be actively engaged in the labours of the Institution, will, from their standing in society, be influenced by no other motives than such as appertain to the pursuit of Science, and the desire of its promotion. The establishment, therefore, will be solely under the direction and superintendence of men who are devoted to the advancement of medical knowledge and education.

Provisional arrangements have been made to organize this Medical Institution. The Professors will constitute the Literary Department. The Curators and Counsellors will form the Civil Department. Besides which there will be a Chancellor, Presiding Members, and a Recorder. There will be also sections for Honorary, Extraordinary and Corresponding Members. The Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of the res-

pective incorporated Medical Societies of the State, are considered, ex officio, Constituent Members of the Institution ; as it is desirable to establish an intimate connexion and correspondence between those Societies and the Medical Institution, especially with respect to all matters relative to its organization, and its proceedings in the business of public instruction.

At present, it is deemed proper to lay before you the requisite information respecting the Literary Department, and the advantages which will be afforded to Students of Medicine, towards facilitating and completing their system of education.

The Literary Department of the Institution will be divided into classes or sections, and each section or class will be under the immediate direction of the Professor or Professors nominated to such class : pursuant to which the following arrangements have been provisionally established, viz. :

Institutes of Medicine, Practice of Physic, and } Forensic Medicine,	NICHOLAS ROMAYNE, M. D. JOHN WATTS, M. D.
Materia Medica, and Mineralogy, }	ARCHIBALD BRUCE, M. D.
Anatomy, Physiology, and Surgery, }	VALENTINE SEAMAN, M. D. THOMAS COCK, M. D.
Chemistry and Natural Philosophy, }	MR. JOHN GRISCOM.
Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and } Children,	ROBERT BAYARD, M. D.

The Governors of the New-York Hospital have uniformly manifested an earnest desire to favour the progress of Clinical Instruction. This is conducted under their immediate superintendence, and by Physicians and Surgeons exclusively appointed by themselves. The present Clinical Lecturers are Dr. MILLER, Dr. HAMMERSLEY, and Dr. SEAMAN ; the two former on medical, the latter on surgical cases. An arrangement will be made with these Gentlemen, for the purpose of securing to the pupils of the Medical Institution all the advantages of attending the medical and surgical practice, and hearing the Clinical Lectures which are to be delivered in that extensive Hospital.

As the principal object of this Institution is to diffuse the advantages of medical instruction throughout the most distant parts of the state, the President of each Incorporated Medical Society, is authorized in future, to designate one Student of Medicine, of good moral character, of diligent habits and promising talents, and to recommend him to the Recorder, or to any of the Professors of the Institution ; and every Student so recommended, shall be permitted to attend the different classes free of expense. The fees for other Students who may incline to attend all the Classes of the Institution, will be limited to forty dollars ; but should any Student be desirous to attend only one class or section in the Institution, the fee will be fifteen dollars.

The Lectures in the Institution will commence on Monday, the 4th day of November next. It may, therefore, be expedient for Students who intend to join the classes, to present themselves in this city, in the last week of October, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for entering on their studies.

The Students will constitute a distinct section in the Institution, and will enjoy certain Privileges and Immunities. Such Students as shall make the requisite proficiency in their medical studies, will be invested with the usual Academic Honours, under the approbation of the Institution.

By order of the Institution,

ARCHIBALD BRUCE, M. D. Recorder.

